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SUBJ: KOREA IN 30TH UNGA

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1. I SAW PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 5 AND EXPRESSED
USG DISAPPOINTMENT AT UPPER VOLTA'S VOTES ON KOREAN QUESTION IN
FIRST COMMITTEE. I SAID WE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT HAD HAPPENED SINCE YAGUIBOU HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT HE
HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BE ABSENT DURING THE VOTE. I ADDED THAT
THE TIMING OF UPPER VOLTA'S "ANTI-US VOTE" COULD NOT HAVE BEEN
WORSE FROM MY PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW SINCE WE HAD PRESENTLY A
LARGE NUMBER OF AID EXPERTS IN COUNTRY WHO WERE IN THE PROCESS
OF COMPLETING PLANS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. I POINTED
OUT THAT UPPER VOLTA STILL HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE ITS
POSITION DURING VOTE IN PLENARY.

2. LAMIZANA SAID THAT IT WAS ALL HIS FAULT BECAUSE HE HAD NOT
GIVEN THIS MATTER THE ATTENTION IT DESERVED. IT WAS BAD
ENOUGH, HE ADDED, THAT UPPER VOLTA HAD BECOME ENTANGLED IN
CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WITHOUT ADEQUATE CON-
SIDERTION BY GOUV, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THROUGH HIS OWN
"NEGLIGENCE", MATTERS HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO RUN THEIR COURSE
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WITHOUT "PROPER SUPERVISION FROM THE TOP." HE ACKNOWLEDGED

THAT HE HAD CALLED YAGUIBOU IN NEW YORK TO TELL HIM TO BE ABSENT DURING THE VOTE IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. HE ALSO SAID THAT AFTER I HAD CALLED ON HIM OCTOBER 29 (OUAGA 2681) HE HAD TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YAGUIBOU BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET THROUGH TO NEW YORK. FINALLY HE COMMENTED THAT THIS AFFAIR HAD GONE FAR ENOUGH, AND THAT UPPER VOLTA MUST ABSTAIN OR BE ABSENT DURING THE VOTE ON PLENARY. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT IMMEDIATELY.

3. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT, I HATE TO MAKE PREDICTIONS. LAMIZANA WAS MOST HUMBLE AND APOLOGETIC, AND APPEARED TO BE SINCERELY UNHAPPY OVER UPPER VOLTA'S VOTE IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY AWARE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO HAD BEEN MANEUVERING BEHIND HIS BACK. WE SHALL SEE WHETHER LAMIZANA IS STILL STRONG ENOUGH POLITICALLY TO DISREGARD THE OPINIONS OF THE YOUNG RADICALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND IN THE ARMY WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOWED SO FAR TO DETERMINE UPPER VOLTA'S POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT HE CAN DO IT.
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